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DEPT PASS TO NHTSA, DOT, FOR N. STAHLER AND J. AMATO AND TO
DYNAMIC SCIENCE CO., 1850 WEST PINNACLE PEAK
ROAD, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85027, ATTN: MR. FRED ARNDT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SENV, NATO, JA

SUBJECT: CCMS: EXPERIMENTAL SAFETY VEHICLE PROGRAM

REF: STATE 103984

SUMMARY: DETAILS OF SHIPMENT OF AIRBAGS FOLLOW. ACTION
REQUESTED: DOT SHOULD CONTACT COMPANIES' CUSTOMS BROKERS
TO EXPEDITE US CUSTOMS CLEARANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF HAS DISCUSSED SHIPMENT OF AIRBAGS WITH UEHARA
(AUTO DIVISION, MITI), IN ABSENCE OF SHIMO, WHO IS ILL.
BEST PLAN SEEMS TO BE TO SHIP NISSAN AND TOYOTA AIRBAGS
SEPARATELY.

2. NISSAN AIRBAGS, NOW BEING PACKED, WILL BE SHIPPED BY
AIR, AROUND JUNE 12. NISSAN WILL OBTAIN NECESSARY BLACK
POWDER (0.25 GRAMS EACH) IN US. NISSAN PLANS AIR SHIPMENT
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DIRECTLY TO PHOENIX. WILL PASS ALONG ETA AS SOON AS GOJ
CUSTOM CLEARANCE, EXPECTED AROUND JUNE 8, OBTAINED.

3. TOYOTA CO. STILL HOPING FOR SHIPMENT BY AIR IN SPITE OF FACT PROPELLANTS IN IGNITER (BLACK GUN POWDER) AND DETONATOR (DDNP, PETN) EXPRESSLY LISTED IN IATA REGULATIONS AS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR AIR SHIPMENT IN ANY AMOUNT. BACKUP PLAN IS TO SHIP AIRBAGS ON TOYOTA MARU, COMPANY SHIP SCHEDULED TO LEAVE JUNE 17, ETA WEST COAST JUNE 29. TOYOTA SAYS THREE WEEKS UNNECESSARY, TEN DAYS WILL SUFFICE TO INSTALL AIRBAGS BEFORE CRASH TEST JULY 18.

4. US CUSTOMS CLEARANCE MAY BE OBSTACLE. DOT SHOULD CONTACT CUSTOMS AGENTS OF NISSAN AND TOYOTA COMPANIES TO ARRANGE FOR IMPORT CLEARANCE AND INLAND TRANSPORTATION (IN BOND TRANSFER BY TRUCK OR RAIL). NISSAN AND TOYOTA AIRBAGS MAY BE CLEARED IN LOS ANGELES OR PHOENIX, AS CONVENIENT. SHIPMENT OF EXPLOSIVES MAY REQUIRE CLEARANCE BY STATE OR LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES. PLEASE CONTACT ABOVE COMPANY CUSTOMS BROKERS TO ARRANGE.
SHOESMITH

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED PHOENIC, ARIZONA.

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